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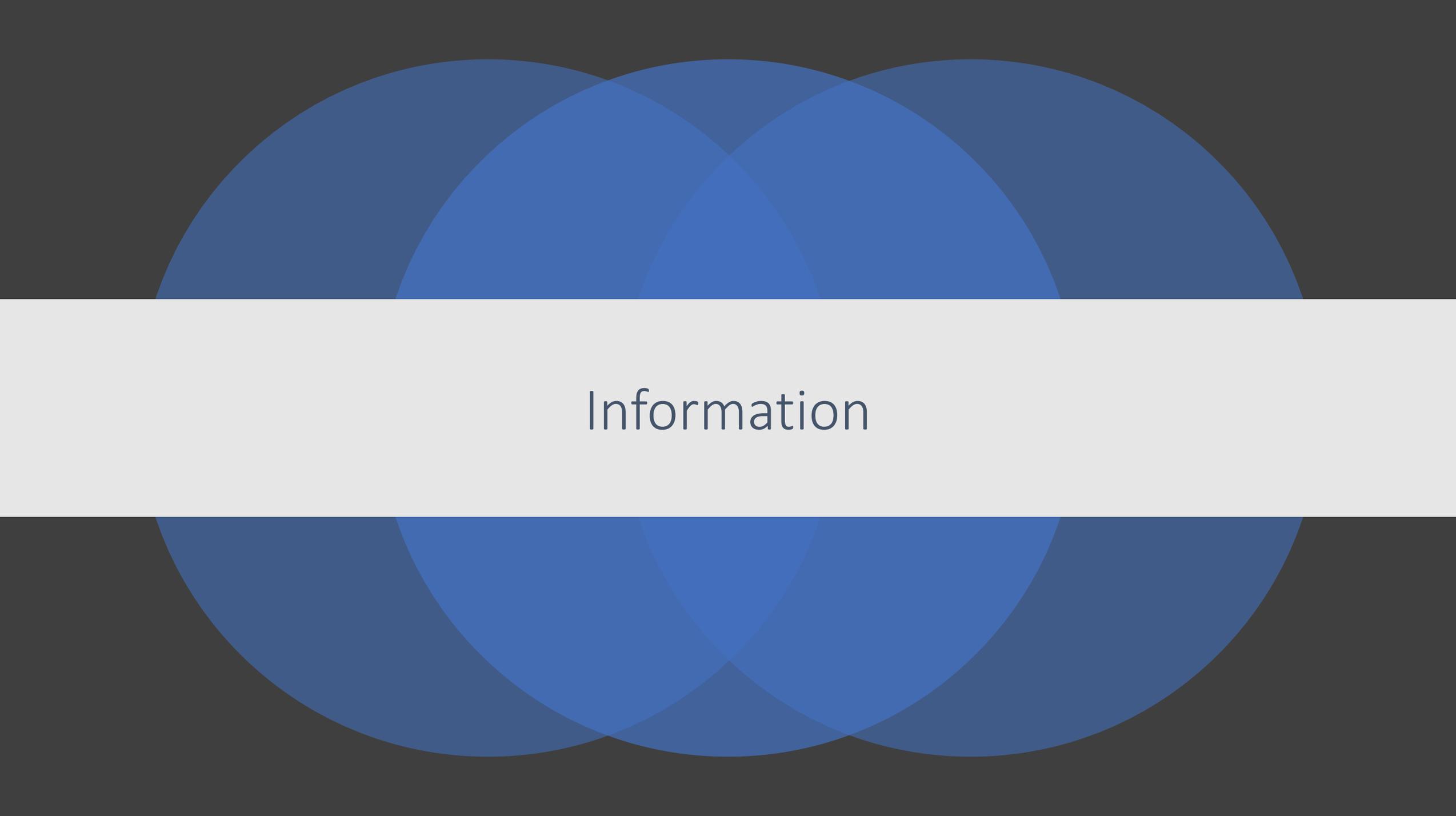
Information

Constitution, 3.3 says, "the vocation to the OFS is a vocation to live the Gospel in fraternal community."

- We are brothers and sisters in a fraternal communion of faith and love that needs to be nurtured by mutual prayer, by common spirituality and knowledge, by assiduous attendance.

- Assiduous: def. showing great care and perseverance.

Visible sign of the Church

Article 22

Fraternity

Community of Love

Basic Unit of the Order
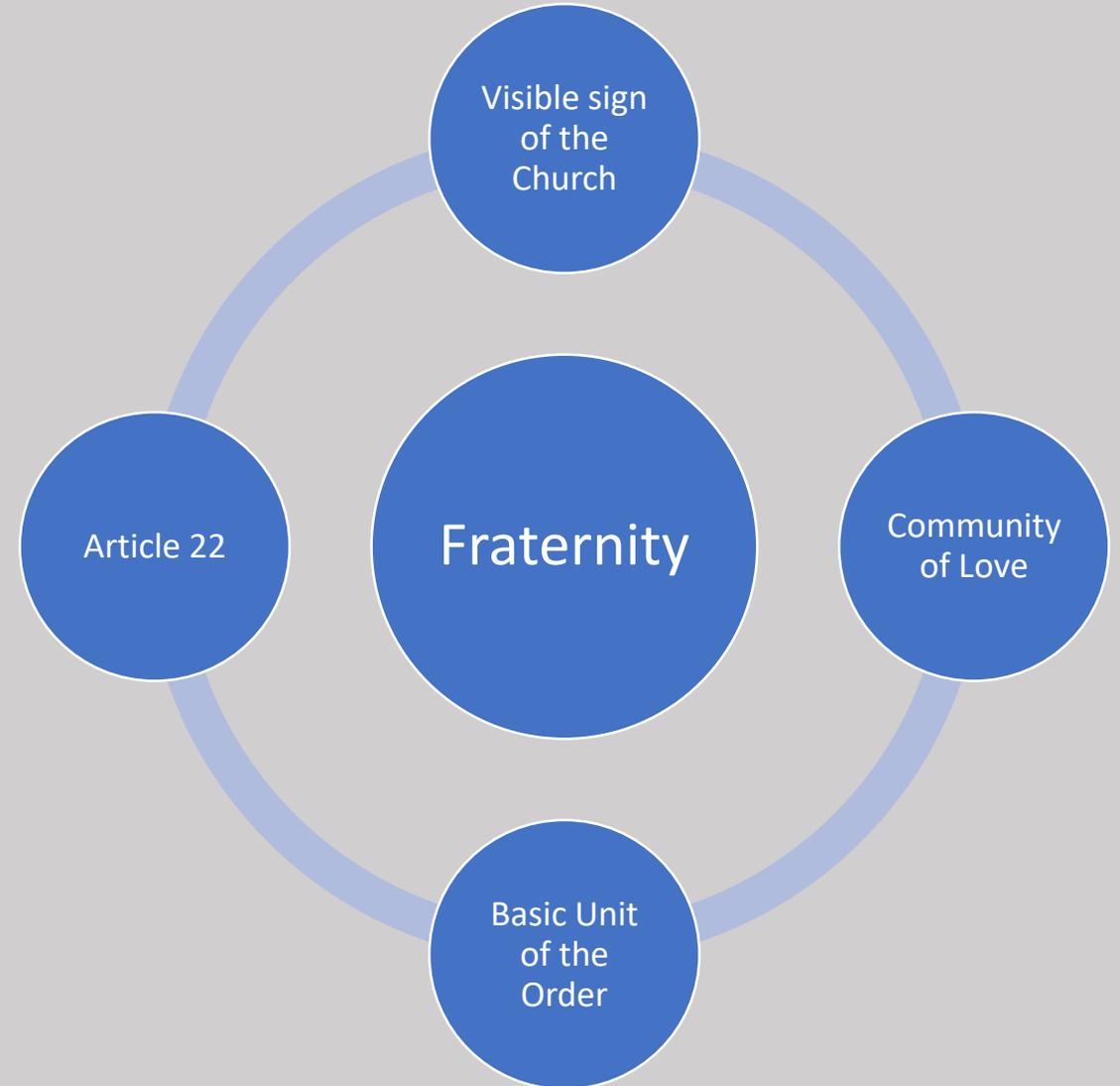
It is in fraternity that we get our FORMATION

- Prayer, discussion and collaboration amoung members should lead to dynamic gatherings and then to apostolic activites.(Const. 53.3)

- Fraternity is the basic unit of the whole order, a visible sign of the Church, a community of love. (Art. 22)

We are now responsible for the animation of our fraternity.

- The sense of co-responsibility of the members requires
  - Personal Presence
  - Witness
  - Prayer
  - Active Collaboration in accordance with each one's situations for the animation of the fraternity (const. 30.2)

TRANSFORMATION

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  - A thorough or dramatic change
  - An unduced or spontaneous process

- (Synonym) –
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We have professed into the "Order of Penitents."

Quoting Father Lino Temperini TOR

- "The term '**Penance**" in Franciscanism is equivalent to the Biblical meaning of Metanoia, understood as an intimate conversion of the mind and heart to God, as a vital attitude, a continuous state of being penitent."

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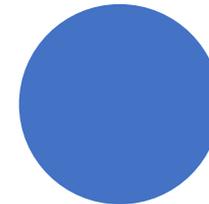
Our Rule, art. 7

- "United by their vocation as brothers and sisters of penance, and motivated by the dynamic power of the Gospel, let them conform their thought and deeds to those of Christ by means of the radical interior change which the Gospel itself calls conversion."

"CONVERSION"

a Franciscan Term for

"TRANSFORMATION"